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GOVERNOR ISSUES STATEMENTS ON DEATHS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL



4/11/2008

Gov. Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Hanford Airman: Tech. Sgt. Anthony L. Capra

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Tech. Sgt. Anthony L. Capra, of Hanford, CA.

"California mourns the loss of Technical Sergeant Anthony Capra, a dedicated patriot who sacrificed his life for the cause of freedom. We are eternally grateful to Anthony for his valor, leadership and service to this country. On behalf of all Californians, Maria and I extend our deepest condolences to Anthony's family and friends during this difficult time."

Capra, 31, died April 9 as a result of wounds suffered when he encountered an improvised explosive device near Golden Hills, Iraq. Capra was assigned to Detachment 63, 688 Armament Systems Squadron, United States Air Force, Indian Head City, MD.

In honor of Tech. Sgt. Capra, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



4/09/2008

Gov. Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of South Lake Tahoe Soldier: Sgt. Timothy M. Smith

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Timothy M. Smith of South Lake Tahoe, CA.

"Sergeant Timothy Smith served his country with pride, distinction and relentless bravery. Maria and I stand with the people of California in honoring the life of this American hero, who answered the call to

defend liberty and safeguard the United States. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Timothy's family and friends as they mourn the passing of a great soldier and an extraordinarily selfless Californian."

Smith, 25, died April 7 as a result of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq. Smith was assigned to the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), United States Army, Fort Polk, LA.

In honor of Sgt. Smith, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



4/09/2008

Gov. Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of San Diego Soldier: Sgt. Richard A. Vaughn

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Richard A. Vaughn of San Diego, CA.

"Maria and I join the people of California in offering our sincerest condolences to the family, friends and fellow soldiers of Sergeant Richard Vaughn, a devoted patriot who gave his life to defend freedom. Richard's courage and unyielding loyalty remind all Californians of the sacrifices made to protect democracy and keep us safe. We will honor and cherish the memory of this brave Californian forever."

Vaughn, 22, died April 7 from wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked using a rocket propelled grenade, improvised explosive device and small arms fire in Baghdad, Iraq. Vaughn was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, United States Army, Fort Hood, TX.

In honor of Sgt. Vaughn, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



4/03/2008

Gov. Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine: Maj. William G. Hall

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Maj. William G. Hall of Seattle, WA.

"We are forever grateful for Major William Hall's service to this country. He answered the call to defend freedom with pride and honor -- traits which define our men and women in uniform. Maria and I join all Californians in paying tribute to William's sacrifice and offering our sincere condolences to his family and fellow Marines as they mourn his loss."

Hall, 38, died March 30 from wounds he suffered while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq, on March 29. Hall was assigned to the 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, Marine Air Control Group 38, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, United States Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, CA.

In honor of Maj. Hall, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



3/27/2008

Gov. Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Palmdale Soldier: Pvt. George Delgado

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Pvt. George Delgado, of Palmdale, CA.

"Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Private George Delgado, who gave his life to defend freedom and protect the people of the United States. George served our country with honor, integrity and steadfast loyalty to his fellow soldiers-California has lost a true patriot. Maria and I send our sincerest condolences to his family during this difficult time."

Delgado, 21, died March 24 in Baghdad, Iraq, from wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive on March 23. Delgado was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, United States Army, Fort Stewart, GA.

In honor of Pvt. Delgado, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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